

Mount Olive Lifeguide
A closer look...
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Matthew 14:13-21: When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” ¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. ¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

1. What are your 3 favorite miracles of Jesus? Why are those your favorite?

2. Many people today, including a number of Christians, question whether the miracles of the Bible ever took place. Instead of believing God’s Word, what are some of the ridiculous theories about “actually” happened?

3. TRUE/FALSE: A man can deny one of Jesus’ miracles and still get to heaven.

4. Thousands of people walked 6+ miles to be with Jesus. What lies does Satan use on you to either keep you from worship or to keep you from fully benefiting from being in God’s house?

5. “They all ate and were satisfied, and there were 12 baskets of food leftover.” What are examples from your life when God has done the same thing for you: satisfied you and left with you extra blessings?

6. AGREE/DISAGREE: I have greater difficulty trusting God to provide for my physical needs than I do trusting him to take care of my spiritual needs. Explain.

7. Jesus used his 12 disciples to help carry out this miraculous feeding. What are examples of God using his people today as agents of his miraculous power?